



Ranger-led Education Programs

Connect your students to their National Park—Schedule your field or classroom program now!

4th Grade Students can earn a free National Park Pass by participating in a Ranger program!

**2017 transportation grant funds are available to pay for bus transportation to our Junior Ranger Day event and for field trips to Big Spring, Alley Spring and Round Spring **

Alley Spring: Alley Mill Hamlet

Visit the Storrs Creek School for a lesson in a one-room school, barter at the General Store, learn about the operation of a 19th century steel roller mill, and take a hike along the Alley Spring branch. Contact Ranger Josh at Alley Spring. Email josh_chilton@nps.gov or phone 573-226-3945.

Round Spring: Cave Scientist Field Trip & Hiking Through History on the Ozark Trail

A variety of hands-on, inquiry-based activities are performed by the students including collecting data by performing water quality, soil and weather testing, and vegetation and animal identification in the cave and outside. **Schedule a pre-site visit at your school beginning in February before visiting the cave in May.** Contact Ranger Dave at Round Spring. Email dave_tobey@nps.gov or phone 573-323-8093.

Big Spring: Life as an Ozark Settler

Students will learn about the Ozark culture and landscape, and experience a variety of activities, including early homemaking, whittling, fence building and an educational hike around Big Spring. Email cathy_runge@nps.gov or phone 573-323-4806.

Rocky Road, the Geology of the Ozark Riverways

Students will learn the geology and geologic processes that shaped the Ozark Riverways region, including: karst experiments and a visit to Alley Spring to conduct rock classification data. Contact Ranger Josh at Alley Spring. Email josh_chilton@nps.gov or phone 573-226-3945.

Batty about Bats (In your classroom)

Students will learn about the specialized structures and senses that help bats survive in a unique habitat. Discover this fascinating creature that benefits humans and learn how we can help save them, including construction of bat houses and habitat improvements. Contact Ranger Josh at Alley Spring. Email josh_chilton@nps.gov or phone 573-226-3945.

NPS Career Programs (In your classroom)

Students will learn about National Park Service opportunities and career exploration. They will learn to identify their interests and skills, and how to apply for jobs. Email cathy_runge@nps.gov or phone 573-323-4806.

Junior Ranger Day at Alley Spring, May 5th

This event brings grade school students together with educators from statewide natural resource agencies for a fun, active, and exciting day of outdoor educational activities. Email dave_tobey@nps.gov or phone 573-323-8093.

National Park Service—America's Best Idea (In your classroom)

Students will learn about the creation and significance of the National Park Service and Ozark National Scenic Riverways. Do you know you have a national park in your backyard? Email cathy_runge@nps.gov or phone 573-323-4806.

Service Learning Trips

Teach your students about stewardship by bringing them to volunteer in the park. To learn more about volunteer opportunities and job shadowing, contact Big Spring Ranger Cathy Runge. Email cathy_runge@nps.gov or 573-323-4806.